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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/327,621

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 38 as follows:

38. (Four Times Amended) A stage apparatus comprising:
a first stage that is movable linearly in a first direction;
a second stage that is movable in said first direction and in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction with respect to said first stage;
a base that supports said first stage and said second stage;
a position detector having an interferometer that cooperates with a reflective portion of said second stage, said interferometer being supported by said base;

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